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## Uncertain Future Affects City 2021 Budget Deliberations

by Diane Oberg

Facing a level of uncertainty higher than experienced in decades, on Tuesday, April 14, the Greenbelt City Council began its review of City Manager Nicole Ard's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021, which starts July 1. Business closures and other impacts from the coronavirus will significantly reduce city revenues.

Ard stated that in reacting to the coronavirus and its effects, she is "attempt[ing] to solely maintain essential services based upon anticipated return to lifted social distancing practices by June; however, this situation may evolve with a recovery window of up to 24 months."

She also stated her goal to adjust city spending to protect current employees' jobs.

Ard presented her proposed

budget to council on Tuesday, April 14 and council met remotely for a worksession on Thursday April 16. The budget proposal was nearly complete when the coronavirus closures began. While the text in some of the budget proposal has been updated to reflect the impact, the revenue and expenditure numbers have not.

By state law, the city must adopt a budget by June 10. As key information (such as how long economic restrictions will remain in place and the nature of the reopening process) likely will not be available by then the city may need to make further adjustments throughout FY21 and possibly longer.

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PHOTO BY HOLLY WHEELER

Maya, left, and Lien Gareri express their sentiments on their driveway on Thursday, April 16, before heading out to deliver the News Review.

## Greenbelt Sisters Spearhead Homemade Mask Project

by Madison Hunt

Two sisters are taking strides to help medical officials fight this pandemic with a homemade mask system. Since the outbreak of COVID-19 in the United States, there was always a scare that supplies would run out. And due to the increase in cases throughout the nation, now it's a reality. The demand for medical supplies and beds has increased since the outbreak, and Maryland is starting to face these same kinds of struggles. The need to protect our doctors and nurses has never been more crucial.

Sarah Liska and Jenny Meeetre, twin sisters who grew up in Greenbelt, helped organize a homemade mask system that reaches hospitals across the area.

Their older sister, a registered nurse, told them about the shortage of personal protective equipment for nurses and doctors who are treating patients fighting the coronavirus. "She explained that the staff were going without masks, that they just didn't have enough to distribute in the hospitals," said Liska.

When they started to brainstorm how to contribute, they researched and found a local group in Carroll County trying to help out in the same way. The group had a strong presence of people who sewed, so they teamed up and coordinated a group to distribute the product.

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### Virtual Scout Meeting

PHOTO BY SHAWN SCOLES

Shown are Shawn Scoles (scoutmaster), Richard Olsen (assistant scoutmaster), Jonathan Murray (assistant scoutmaster), Bart Hippel (assistant scoutmaster) and the scouts of Troop 214-B. Online, but no photo: Duane Rosenberg (assistant scoutmaster). See story, page 3.

## Greenbelt Marks Earth Day Via Virtual Café Program

by Brogan Gerhart

On April 20, about 60 people joined the New Deal Café in celebrating Earth Day during its first ever virtual Reel and Meal.

For several residents, this was their first time attending a Reel and Meal event. For a few, this was the first event via Zoom they'd ever experienced.

As community members, with food delivery courtesy of DC Vegan and joined virtually by relatives and friends from all over the East Coast, cozied up in their living rooms for the start of the event at 7 p.m., many shared waves and smiles from screen to screen. One attendee, whose background showed a lush, green forest, admitted he was just in his living room. "Our son had shown us how to change [the background], but we don't know how to change it back," he said. After some instruction from Susan Barnett, who was hosting the event, on how to raise your hand, share reactions and reset your background, the Reel and Meal began.

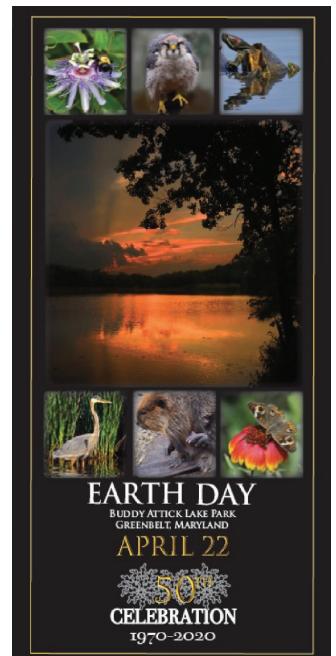
The focus of the series of videos and discussion was on the

global climate crisis, as it relates to both the global community and Greenbelt.

The first video featured Greta Thunberg's speech at the U.N. Climate Action Summit in 2019, where she said, "People are suffering. People are dying. Entire ecosystems are collapsing. We are in the beginning of a mass extinction." The clip was received very well, with participant Beth LeMond saying, "She was not fooling around. It was great to see that."

Joseph Jakuta, among others, compared the global response to COVID-19 with the type of drastic change Thunberg called for in her speech. "With COVID, we're showing that we can make

See **EARTH DAY**, page 4



Poster by Jean Newcomb and Graeme Simpson.

### From the Archives

## Scarlet Fever in the 1940s Shows Public Health Efforts

by Jeannette Connors

The Greenbelt Cooperator column "Our Neighbors" reported in January 1941 that a young girl, eagerly awaiting the celebration of her fifth birthday – invitations sent, favors acquired, a cake with pink candles in the works – had the misfortune to contract scarlet fever a few days before the big event. About a week after she contracted the disease, the girl's younger sister also fell ill. Scarlet fever, the column said, "is a very inconsiderate malady." Sometimes, a look back can also be a look around.

The current global health crisis

is a haunting reminder of some of the contagious illnesses that descended upon Greenbelt in the past. One of the more colorful – pardon the pun – illnesses that made local and national headlines was scarlet fever, which causes a distinctive red-pink rash, hence the "scarlet." The city's public health director at the time, Dr. Samuel Berenberg, said scarlet fever was more common in the spring and winter months and more prevalent in the north, possibly because the southern sun killed the germs and helped

See **ARCHIVES**, page 8

### What Goes On

**Monday, April 27**  
8 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

**Wednesday, April 29**  
8 p.m. Budget Worksession:  
Public Safety (CERT, CART,  
GVFD&RS, Police)  
All meetings are virtual.  
See the meetings calendar at  
greenbeltdmd.gov for agendas  
and information on public participation  
in these meetings.

# Letters to the Editor

## Help Needy & Co-op

Recently the News Review published a letter from Jon Bell. Jon recommended donating the \$1,200 that most of us recently received from the IRS.

Jon's donation had a double benefit because he purchased 12 debit ("gift") cards from Co-op – each for \$100 – and gave them to the food pantry at St. Hugh's. The second benefit is the increase in sales to the Co-op.

We plan to follow his example. Twenty-four people will each receive \$100 in food value and the Co-op will receive \$2,400 in sales.

Are there other ways to provide the double benefits? All the larger grocery stores in Greenbelt sell debit/gift cards, perhaps for different values. And two additional stores serve different parts of Greenbelt: Giant (Beltway Plaza), Safeway (Greenway Center).

And there are two food pantries in or near Greenbelt:

### Ladies of Charity

St. Hugh's Catholic Church, 135 Crescent Road. (Rectory Pantry), Open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Directions: From the street facing St. Hugh's there are two buildings, church on the right and parish house on the left. On the right side of the parish house is a door with a mail slot, that is where the envelope of cards, marked Ladies of Charity, goes. Do not use the front door.

### Help By Phone

Open Monday to Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road. Directions: Across side street from McDonald's. Go behind the church, cross the parking lot, head back up toward Greenbelt Rd – you will see a sign for the pantry and a white door.



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"We were helping them get up to speed setting up a structure and a flow with their group," Meetre said. "And getting coordinators and leaders within the group for the sewers, making sure they all have supplies, making sure we have a consistent pattern to use."

Because of their connection to Greenbelt, where Liska operates part of her real estate business and their parents still live, they decided to set up the same system here. It now has over 100 volunteers. See stories in the News Reviews of April 7 and 16.

They are currently working with a few hospitals in the area, but the list continues to grow as the demand increases. Some of the hospitals they've distributed to include Holy Cross Hospital, Doctors Community Hospital and UM Prince George's Hospital Center.

"We've been sending supplies, getting people to share supplies and kind of creating a support network for people," Meetre said.

One thing that keeps this system going is constant communication. Sharing information to

### Need a Ride?

The City of Greenbelt offers a 12-passenger, wheelchair accessible van that operates Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To arrange for transportation with the Greenbelt Connection, residents can register at least 24 hours in advance for pickup by calling 301-474-4100. Senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, and children (6 to 18 years) \$1 each way. All others \$2 each way. The Greenbelt Connection does not operate on holidays observed by the city.

David & Sandra Lange

### Missing Things

I am anxious to get back to the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center. I got to go on New Year's Day but the next day, doctors determined that I had a fractured ankle that kept me out until March 5. Then on March 13, the city facilities in Greenbelt became restricted access and I was told I would be allowed to use the pool again starting on March 28 but the date was changed to May 1. This time they better keep the date for people's health sake.

I also miss going to the library and the movies. I also miss the stores at Beltway Plaza, the Beijing Restaurant, Generous Joe's, the 11 bus that I use to get to work at the Federal Courthouse in Greenbelt. I also miss the weekend bus service to get to different places in the Washington, D.C. area.

Thanks to the Greenbelt Connection to help me keep my commuting cost low.

Russell Dick

Pretty and washable face masks may be made from T-shirts and cloths, without sewing. Videos of two different ways to make these masks can be viewed online at [https://mcusercontent.com/3012e1cbca6a8c897d259157a/files/10c078db-25fa-4264-8cdcc6b344437fe3/IMG\\_1485.mov](https://mcusercontent.com/3012e1cbca6a8c897d259157a/files/10c078db-25fa-4264-8cdcc6b344437fe3/IMG_1485.mov) and at [usatoday.com/story/tech/2020/04/10/how-to-unlock-iphone-samsung-galaxy-phone-with-face-mask-coronavirus/5123056002/](https://usatoday.com/story/tech/2020/04/10/how-to-unlock-iphone-samsung-galaxy-phone-with-face-mask-coronavirus/5123056002/).

Jerome Dancis

make sure what patterns to use for the masks, if there are any shortages of supplies or need for any new materials.

"We're looking at ways to keep them sewing," said Meetre. The Greenbelt group has distributed over 1,500 masks so far and the demand for them continues.

Each mask takes roughly 20 minutes to make, but some people sew faster than others. "Some might take an hour for the mask, some 20 minutes. The cutting and cleaning up afterwards is probably one of the longest parts of it," says Liska.

They've also received donations of materials from people who want to help the cause. Whether it's elastic or T-shirts Greenbelters may have in their closet, they've received a lot of materials.

"People are cutting up fabric and T-shirts and things like that. They're getting pretty resourceful on the types of materials and supplies they can use," Meetre observed.

But with the increase in cases of COVID-19 and the requirement that the public now wear

### Make Grocery Stores Safer for Everyone

I applaud Prince George's County Executive, Angela Alsobrooks, for her Executive Order requiring all shoppers in grocery stores and large chain retail stores to wear face masks.

Additionally, more social distancing is also needed. It will occur with one-way aisles in stores and one-way staircases in apartment and office buildings. I know of no way to social distance going up a staircase while a polite person is coming down.

Grocery stores and other businesses should be checking the temperatures of every employee before work. I wonder about the pros and cons of also checking the temperatures of every customer? This might alert a customer that he or she is sick.

I support the supermarket workers' labor union, United Food & Commercial Workers Local 400's call for a suite of new policies, including declaring grocery store workers first responders so they will be given additional protection, especially testing, treatment and personal protective equipment, also limiting the number of customers in a store as well as a host of other safety measures, including mandatory wiping down of grocery carts, self-scan screens and credit card touch screens after each use.

I do not see the need for picking up a pen to sign my name every time I use my credit card.

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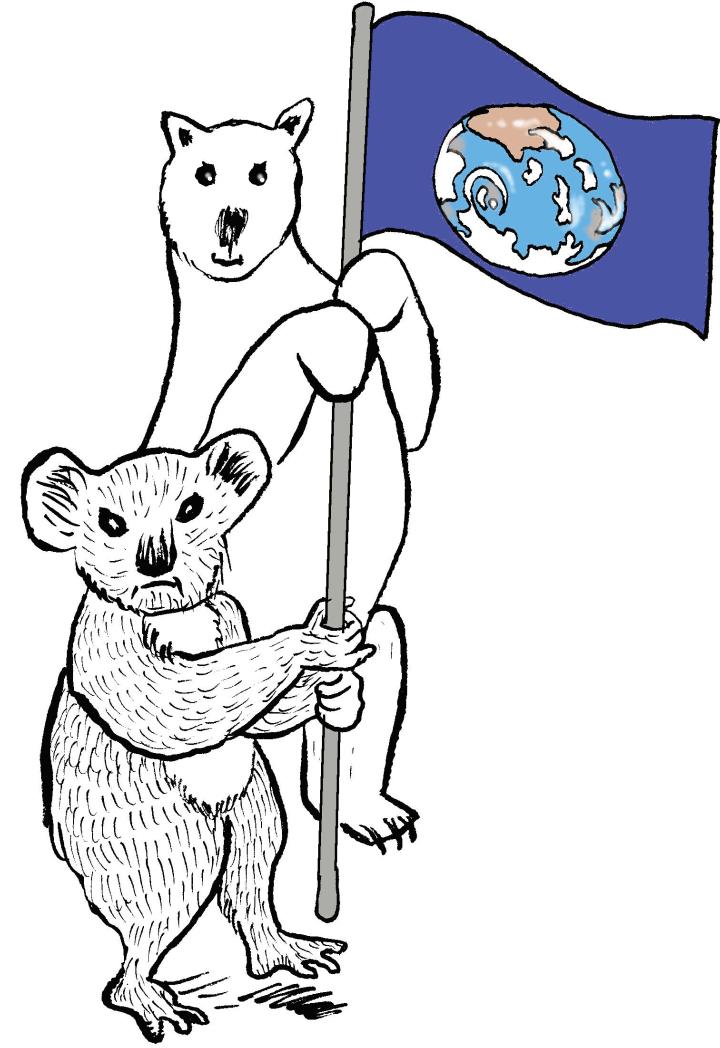
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masks when shopping, the demand for masks continues to rise. In addition to the 1,000 masks going to hospitals and institutions there is a separate stream going to individuals – totaling close to another 500 masks.

Liska and Meetre say they are committed to helping bring masks to medical facilities and the community through the end of this pandemic in the hopes that it will give people encouragement in such a difficult time. For themselves, they agreed, "It gives everybody something to focus on as a way to bring positivity to a really tough situation."

*Madison Hunt is a student at the University of Maryland School of Journalism, reporting for the News Review.*

Pete Reppert



**OKAY, I'LL SAY IT...  
"GLOBAL WARMING IS UNBEARABLE."  
HAPPY NOW, BIG GUY?**

### Mail Alert

Due to the closure of the Community Center it appears that some mail sent to us is being returned to the sender. Mail can be placed through the mail slot in our outside door. If that is not feasible, please email us at [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).

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# Community Events

## Library Expands Virtual Programs

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) has expanded opportunities for the community to engage with the Library from home through virtual programs. The Library has offered free virtual programs throughout the COVID-19 emergency, with up to 60 programs on offer every week. Regular weekly programs for children are available in English, Spanish and American Sign Language. Adult and teen programs include the weekly Community Conversation series with PGCMLS CEO Roberta Phillips and a wide range of author and book discussion events. All of the Library's virtual programs are listed at pgcmls.info/virtual-events. Virtual events produced by the Library are broadcast on Crowdcast, with select additional streams to Facebook, YouTube and Periscope.

The Library's virtual programs frequently feature special guests from partner organizations like Joe's Movement Emporium; the Prince George's County Police Department, Human Relations Commission and Office of Community Relations; Laurel Police Department; and City of Bowie.

Spanish language virtual programs are now available on a weekly basis. They include Biblioñños, a biweekly Spanish read-aloud program for children ages 2 to 5, and a bilingual English/Spanish read-aloud on Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

On Tuesdays at 4 p.m., the Library offers a weekly "Café a las cuatro" series of discussions in Spanish with special guests from local government to discuss resources and current issues, ranging from the Census to small business resources, in Prince George's County and the DMV area. The program is hosted by Vilma Sandoval-Sall, English Language Learner program coordinator, PGCMLS.



## Free Visual Art Classes Offered

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program is now offering free visual arts education programs on Zoom. Teens and adults can participate in drawing workshops with Community Center Artist-in-residence Racquel Keller on Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. Topics will include: embracing positive and negative space (April 28), how to measure objects for a drawing (May 5) and an introduction to perspective (May 12). All experience levels are welcome. Keller will also be teaching a three-week acrylic painting mini-class for teens and adults on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m., April 28 through May 12.

For the (much) younger crowd, weekly Preschool Art with instructor Sally Davies is continuing online in a new format. Participants can sign up to receive a tutorial on Mondays, complete the project at home during the week and then come together for a show-and-tell on Zoom on Fridays at 11 a.m. This program is ongoing.

Enrollment is limited for these classes; sign up in advance by following the links at greenbeltdmd.gov/arts. Additional arts activities for all ages are posted on the Greenbelt Virtual Recreation Center page (greenbeltdmd.gov/government/departments-con-t/recreation-parks/virtual-greenbelt-recreation). City of Greenbelt arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

## David Craig Scholarship Deadline Is April 30

The David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund application deadline is Thursday, April 30. This local scholarship is available to all Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) seniors. One recipient is selected each year.

The current scholarship, for \$10,000, is paid over a four-year period. To apply or to learn more about the fund, visit daviadcraigmsf.blogspot.com or call 301-474-7874.

## Old Greenbelt Theatre Has Flick of the Week

The Old Greenbelt Theatre hosts film discussions via Zoom every Sunday at 2 p.m. This week, the "Flick of the Week" is Late Night starring Emma Thompson. For those wishing to view the film ahead of the discussion, it is available for streaming on Netflix (subscription required) or can be rented for a small fee on YouTube or Google Play. The film discussion will take place on Sunday, April 26 at 2 p.m.

Go to greenbeltheatre.org/film/flick-of-the-week/ to register for the film discussion and receive information on how to access the Zoom call. Anyone without internet access or who does not wish to use a computer for the discussion, may participate via phone. Call Kelly at 301-329-2034 to request access information.

## Greenbelt Bear Hunt: Ongoing and Growing

Currently more than 40 houses are participating in the Greenbelt Bear Hunt. A map of participating houses, to make it easier to do the bear walk, is available at bit.ly/gbelt-bear-hunt. Participants can add their houses to the map at bit.ly/gbeltbearhunt-add.

There have been over 300 visits to the online map. And, there is an ongoing Greenbelt Bear Hunt Event on the Greenbelters Facebook Group: bit.ly/gbelt-bear-hunt-facebook.



### EARTH DAY POSTERS

**Greenbelt Lake**  
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**Chesapeake Bay Watershed**  
<https://graemesimpsonimages.com/blog/earth-day-the-chesapeake-bay-watershed/>



## Hunger Takes No Time-outs: Virtual CROP Walk Plans

by Konrad Herling and Lyn Doyle

Since 1981, Greenbelters, including, for example, members of the Greenbelt Community Church and the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, have participated in the area's CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk, which for many years has been a walk around Lake Artemesia on the first Sunday in May.

Because the coronavirus has caused doubts as to whether or not the walk would occur, the CROP Walk's national leaders urge an alternative instead. Given that addressing hunger is still an important concern, and may be an even greater one this year given the challenges of the farming community, go ahead and walk. In lieu of joining a large

group of people, keep it even more local and "let your fingers do the walking." Walk around the yard or the neighborhood and still make a contribution to the cause.

Further, given that only 7 percent of the federal budget goes toward humanitarian purposes, including fighting hunger, CROP urges readers to write or call their federal representatives to ask them to take steps towards increasing such support. Finally, to learn more about this topic, readers may find Art Simon's book, Silence Can Kill, worthwhile.

For more information and to sign up for the cause, call CROP executive committee members Lyn or Bob Doyle at 301-328-7598.

## Scouts Remain Resilient

Members of Scout Troops 214-B and 214-G, sponsored by the Prince George's County Elks Lodge, have adapted CDC-recommended social distancing protocols into their weekly troop meetings. On April 7 over 25 scouts participated in the first parallel online troop meetings. Troop 214-B for boys and 214-G for girls met simultaneously in two separate video calls.

The online meeting format will continue for the duration of

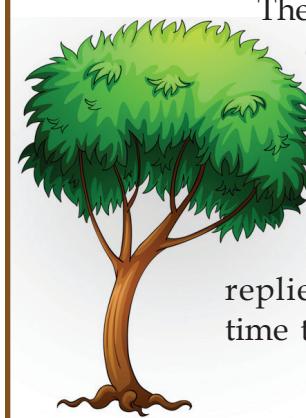
the national COVID-19 pandemic. Scouts continued their leadership training, rank advancement and merit badge instruction during the calls.

Troop 214 has served Prince George's County youth nonstop for more than 70 years.

For more information about Girls' Troop 214-G contact ScoutsBSATroop214GT@gmail.com.

For more information about Boys' Troop 214-B contact boyscouttroop214@verizon.net.

## Happy Arbor Day April 24, 2020



The great French Marshal Lyautey once asked his gardener to plant a tree. The gardener objected that the tree was slow growing and would not reach maturity for a hundred years. The Marshal replied, "In that case, there is no time to lose; plant it this afternoon!"

John F. Kennedy

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## Greenbelt Federal Credit Union SOCIAL DISTANCING / NEW BUSINESS HOURS until further notice

Due to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic and our state Governor's recommendations, our business hours have been modified.

The branch will be **closed to members on Tuesdays and Thursdays**; you may call to schedule an appointment for loan closings or new account openings. The branch will be open on Mondays and Wednesdays normal business hours, and on Fridays from 9am to 5pm. Thank you for your understanding.

Please remember Social Distancing to keep yourself and our staff safe.

We encourage our members to utilize our electronic services as much as possible. This includes **online banking w/bill pay, visiting our atm to make deposits and withdrawals, and using our mobile app to check your balance**. If you need assistance signing up or using these services please contact us and our staff will be happy to help you.



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## GATE

Program Schedule Friday Apr 24 - Thursday Apr 30

### SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

7 am	From the GATE Archive	• Selected Programming
8 am	Democracy Now!	• Repeat of Yesterday's Program
9 am	Utopia Film Festival ★ Shorts/Docs From Past Festivals	• Together We Will Bring Back the Shad • The Medicine in the Mind • Doctor C
11 am	From the GATE Archive	• Selected Programming
12 pm	Democracy Now!	• Today's Program • Independent News
1 pm	Science Bowl PGCP	• Kids Science Quiz Show
2 pm	From the GATE Archive	• Swimming and Stepping
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# Obituaries

## Mario Repole



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

### Mario Repole

Mario Repole, loving and devoted husband, father, papa, brother and friend to all whose lives he touched, died on Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

Born in Rapone, Italy, to Vito and Maria Repole in 1951, he came to the United States in 1963 and 13 years later, along with his brothers, started the Three Brothers Italian Restaurants, where he could always be found. He was very involved with the community, whether it was providing food for local organizations or sponsoring local teams.

**Our Neighbors**

A fixture of the community has been lost with the death of Mario Repole, one of the founding brothers of Three Brothers Restaurants. More than just pizza, Repole and his brothers served up support for numerous youth athletic teams and many charitable organizations, as well as the goodwill and bonhomie at the chefs' station in the Beltway Plaza location.

COVID-19 has come to Greenbelt. According to the coronavirus.maryland.gov website, the number of our neighbors in zip code 20770 suffering from the virus by Monday, April 20, was 82 cases. Stay safe.

In happier news, welcome Wesley Jackson Desmarais, who was born in Oahu, Hawaii, on March 27, to Jake and Amanda (Dorsey) Desmarais. Proud grandparents Frank and Linda Dorsey and great-grandma Mary Jo Dorsey of Greenbelt look forward to getting to meet him.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years Patricia; daughter Alyssa (Steve); son Mario; granddaughters Rylee, Peighton and Makayla; grandson Stevie; brother Peter (Laurie); nephews Ravi and Gregg; nieces Sandy, Melissa, Sydney, Madison and Sophia; and friends and family too numerous to list but not forgotten. He was predeceased by his mother, father and brother Michael.

Tremendous and heartfelt thanks go to the truly exceptional doctors and nurses, especially Dr. Patrick Mille and Nurse Michelle Lasota at Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia, who provided medical care and a compassionate environment for Mario for the last 16 months.

Friends and family will celebrate his life at a later date to be announced.

Memorial donations can be made in Mario's name to the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research, 415 Crossways Park Drive, Suite D, Woodbury, NY 11797 or online at [lustgarten.org/donate/](http://lustgarten.org/donate/).

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that drastic change," Jakuta said. "However, with climate change I fear we're not doing things here, in the U.S., yet."

The second video showed the Sunrise Movement, a youth-led political movement fighting to stop the climate crisis, during a sit-in in Nancy Pelosi's office in 2018. Along with demonstrating the power of youth-led movements, the clip also led into the introduction of Angel Nwadibia, a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) and one of the founders of the Sunrise Movement hub at ERHS.

Before the coronavirus halted their efforts, Nwadibia and the ERHS Sunrise hub had been working with the school board to allow one day of excused absence for civic engagement, to be used for students to participate in events like climate strikes. "In 2020, it's about time the board allowed students to engage in these historical events," Nwadibia said.

The third video highlighted the top 10 solutions to climate change, the effects of drawdown and the importance of incorporating not just the biggest solutions



PHOTO BY GRAEME B SIMPSON

The 50th celebration of Earth Day was on April 22. Several organizations commemorated the event despite nature's best efforts to keep humanity on its toes. Local residents Graeme Simpson (left, photographer) and Jean Newcomb (designer), wearing fashionable DIY masks, display posters they made to commemorate the beauty of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and Greenbelt Lake.

to climate change, but finding ways to incorporate all of them.

Lore Rosenthal, program coordinator for Greenbelt Climate Action Network, said, "Personal actions are too small to fit the scale of the problem and legislation is too slow. However, we

can work on a community level."

While participants nodded their heads in agreement with Rosenthal, attendee Walter Teague stressed the importance of defining a climate goal. "At some point, what we're asking for has to be real clear," he said. "Demands need to be clear. If there isn't a clear demand, people won't get behind it."

The fourth film featured another youth-led group called Save Tomorrow and the final video was an inspirational song on the importance of caring for the environment organized by communities in Belgium. The evening concluded around 9:30 p.m. with closing discussion around the night's films and friendly goodbyes as participants signed off of the first – but not the last – Reel and Meal of its kind.



## Science Bowl Comes To GATE Each Day

Science Bowl, a production of Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), is now being shown daily on Greenbelt Access Television (GATE). This quiz show, featuring students grades 3 through 8, has been hosted by Greenbelter Dave Zahren for over 30 years. The show is a fun and entertaining test of knowledge with categories like Green Things, Let's Get Physical and Science Potpourri. Tune in and discover what kids know and you forgot. The show airs afternoons at 1 and 5 p.m. on Fios 19, Comcast 77 and streaming live at [greenbeltaccesstv.org](http://greenbeltaccesstv.org). Acquisition of this series was made possible

## Arts Advisory Board Meeting May 5

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5 over Zoom. Discussion topics will include: a potential gift of artwork for the Municipal Building, designs for bike racks as part of the city's memorialization program, and the possibility of continuing the board's community arts mixer series on digital platforms.

Members of the public who wish to attend are asked to email [ndewald@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltdmd.gov) to request meeting access information, or call 301-474-8000, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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Psalm 46:10a



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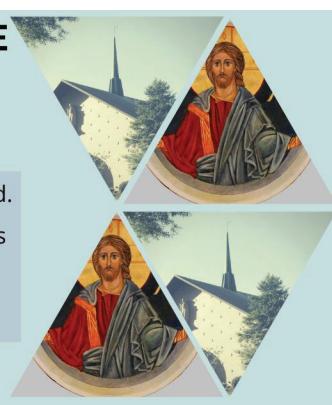
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# City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING Monday, April 27, 2020, 8:00 p.m.

### ORGANIZATION

Call to Order

Roll Call

Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations  
(Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by \*] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

Approval of Agenda and Additions

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

-Earth Day Proclamation

#### Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

#### \* Minutes of Council Meeting

#### Administrative Reports

##### \* Committee Reports

- \* Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) - Report #2020-02
- \* Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) - Report #2020-03 (Zoning for the Greenbelt Forest Preserve)
- \* Arts Advisory Board (AAB) Report #20-3 (Proposed Gift of Artwork from K. Karlson, Artist in Residence)
- \* Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) - Report # 2020-01

### LEGISLATION

Resolution for State Enterprise Zone Designation  
- 2nd Reading, Adoption

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Relief Payments - Phase 4
- Cooperation Agreement with Prince George's County for CDBG Programs
- Bike Share Station Easement Agreement
- Council Activities
- Council Reports

#### COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL

Cablecast on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and streamed at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv) as it happens.

Resident participation: Join By phone: (301) 715-8592, Meeting ID: 911 3044 4198, Password (if needed): 997282

In advance the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltdmd.gov)

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and the Youth Advisory Committee

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## UPCOMING VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Monday, April 27 at 8:30pm, City Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00pm, Advisory Committee on Trees

Wednesday, April 29 at 8:00pm, Budget Work Session with CERT/CART/GVFD/Public Safety

Wednesday, April 29 at 7:30pm, Advisory Planning Board

ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION IS POSTED ON THE MEETINGS CALENDAR AT [WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV](http://WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV)

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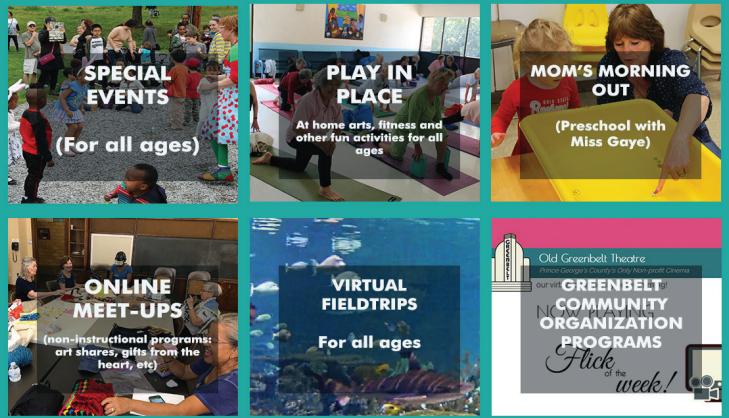
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## City of Greenbelt

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## Caregiver Support Group

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Open to persons 60 + Group is limited to 10 participants

Interested? Contact: Sharon Johnson, Group Facilitator

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[www.greenbeltdmd.gov/donations](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/donations).

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April 28 through May 12.

## Weekly Pre-School Art

with instructor Sally Davies is continuing online in a new format. Participants can sign up to receive a tutorial on Mondays, complete the project at home during the week, and then come together for a show and tell on Zoom on Fridays at 11:00am. This program is ongoing. Enrollment is limited for these classes; sign up in advance by following the links at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/arts).



### Artful Afternoon features Beech Tree Puppets

Sunday, May 3 at 3pm, guests can enjoy a performance of "The Crystal Ball" by Greenbelt's own Beech Tree Puppets. Based on a classic Brothers Grimm fairytale, the show follows the journey of a prince as he overcomes great challenges to rescue his brothers who have been turned into animals. After the show, meet the puppets and puppeteers in a live Zoom meet-up. This event is free, but advance sign-up is required by following the link at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/arts).

Registered participants will receive a Zoom link by email, along with an activity guide, during the week prior to the performance.

*Additional arts activities for all ages are posted on the Greenbelt Virtual Recreation Center, which is also linked from the arts webpage. City of Greenbelt arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.*

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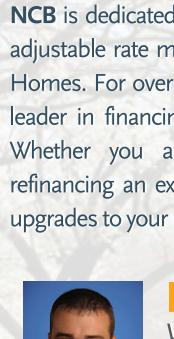
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### Revenues

The proposed budget called for estimated FY21 revenues of \$33 million, a 5.7 percent increase from the FY20 budget. That estimate, however, has been overtaken by events. City Treasurer Laura Allen and Assistant City Manager David Moran presented their best estimates of the impact of the coronavirus at the April 16 worksession, providing council with a range of possible impacts.

For the current fiscal year (FY2020, which ends June 30), they estimate that revenue loss will fall between \$1.4 million and \$1.6 million from the \$33 million projected in the proposed budget. This includes reductions in revenue from the hotel-motel tax, admissions and amusement tax, red light camera and speed camera fees, parking citations and the city's share of the state income tax.

With the state delaying the income tax filing and payment deadline until July 15, the city might not know how much income tax revenue it will receive until later than usual.

In addition, the city will also lose disproportionate revenues from the closure of the Aquatic & Fitness Center, recreation classes, camps and similar activities, Moran explained, since March through September is when the city collects the majority of these fees.

Since it is unknown how long businesses will stay closed, estimating the impact on the FY21 budget is even more uncertain. Allen and Moran project that if the business closures remain in place until September, the likely impact will be a revenue drop of between \$1.7 million and \$2.3 million from the \$33 million in the proposed budget. For the second quarter of FY21, they project a revenue loss based upon a partial reopening of city facilities and the economy during that period, a further reduction in revenues of \$872,000 to \$1.5 million.

Recognizing that many residents may have lost their jobs, Ard is not recommending increases to any city fees, including some code enforcement fees that the city had announced plans for raising during last year's budget review.

The largest revenue reduction could potentially be the ability of commercial property owners to

request a reduction (abatement) of their assessed property values. Unlike residential properties, which are assessed based on the value of the property, commercial properties are assessed based upon the revenue produced by the property. Such abatements can be retroactive and could reduce revenues for fiscal years 2020-2022. The estimated impact of such abatements, if city facilities are partially re-opened on September 1, could be as much as \$1.5 million.

In total and crossing fiscal years, the potential loss of revenue from a seven-month closure (March to September) is estimated to be between \$3.1 and \$3.9 million. The potential lost revenues over nine months are between \$3.9 and \$5.3 million.

### Expenditures

In addition to the drops in revenue caused by the coronavirus, the city has incurred some additional costs to permit many employees to work from home and for meetings to be virtual rather than in person. According to Allen, to date the city has spent roughly \$10,000 to \$12,000 for laptops and video conference licenses and at least \$10,000 on other costs related to working remotely. These figures do not include other expenditures tied to the pandemic.

The city is continuing to pay all employees on the city's payroll at the time of the closure of city facilities. In her budget intro, Ard wrote that she is assessing whether to continue paying certain part-time/seasonal workers should recreation services not return to operation by June 1.

There were a few small pieces of good news. The city's health insurance costs, which had been projected to increase by 10 percent, will not change, saving \$157,800. Further, a lower than expected interest rate on the state loan to cover dam repair will save \$20,000 and a grant application that was not approved will eliminate the need to spend \$33,100 in matching funds.

### Recommended Plan

At the April 16 worksession, Allen suggested that as part of the budget process, the city should develop a plan defining how to adjust the budget to meet evolving conditions. She felt this would allow the city to

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### Assault

April 9, 7:28 p.m., 7523 Greenbelt Road. A woman entered the Dollar Store and knocked merchandise off a shelf. When an employee attempted to pick up the merchandise, the woman walked up behind her and pulled her hair before she left the store.

### Theft

April 4, 5:30 p.m., 6226 Greenbelt Road. A woman about to deposit money into the ATM at Capital One Bank was approached by a man who grabbed it from her hand and fled.

April 10, 1:58 p.m., 6216 Breezewood Drive. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence. It and the contents were recovered after being discovered on the ground outside the apartment building.

April 13, 11:06 a.m., 7815 Mandan Road. Four watches were taken from a residence.

### Fraud

April 11, 11:30 a.m., 9 Court Parkway. A woman contacted by social media about a money-making opportunity used an app to transfer money to the person who had contacted her. This person then deleted the social media presence that was used and ceased all communication with the woman.

### Disorderly Conduct

April 13, 2 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 26-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after he was observed staggering in front of Giant Food, where people were stopping to videotape his behavior. He then began harassing and insulting people at the nearby bus stop. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Burglary

April 10, 8:21 p.m., 5817 Cherrywood Lane. Officers responded to a report of a burglary of a vacant apartment. Five adults were located inside, apparently sleeping. They were taken from the residence and charges will be filed at a later date due to current emergency conditions.

April 14, 8:48 p.m., 7505 Greenway Center Drive. A medi-

cal facility was entered, possibly by tampering with a door lock. The area was rummaged through but nothing appeared to have been taken.

### Vehicle Crime

On April 9, six vehicles on Cherrywood Lane, Edmonston Road and Breezewood Drive were vandalized, four of which had the driver's side airbag removed after windows were broken to gain access. Power tools were also taken from one of these vehicles. In similar incidents on April 13, three vehicles on the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway were broken into and airbags removed.

On April 9, three tires were slashed in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road and another vehicle was broken into though nothing appeared to have been taken. On April 11, a window was broken in a vehicle on Cherrywood Lane and a wallet and money were taken.

### Arrests Made in Fatal January Stabbing

Three suspects have been arrested in connection with the January 17 stabbing death of 41-year-old Billy Owens Smith. Kai Angel Sudama, Ishmail Wurie Jabbie and Grayson Iran Espinal, all 19 and all of Lanham, were arrested on warrants obtained by the Greenbelt Police Criminal Investigations Unit and served by the U.S. Marshals Service.

Sudama was arrested on January 22 in North Carolina. The other two suspects were arrested in Maryland, Jabbie on March 25 and Espinal on April 15. They were charged with murder and other related charges.

In the January 17 incident, officers responded to the 7900 block of Mandan Road for a fight in progress inside a residence. Officers found Smith suffering from stab wounds. First aid was rendered on the scene and Smith was transported by ambulance to the University of Maryland Prince George's Hospital Center, where he succumbed to his injuries.

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## Share Your Pandemic Experience, Win a Gift Card

by Susan Harris

The nonprofit GreenbeltOnline.org is creating an online record of Greenbelters' experiences during the pandemic shutdown, both to help others during these trying times and to create a record for posterity. To motivate submissions for the collection, \$50 gift cards for locally owned Greenbelt restaurants will be awarded to two winners. Submissions may be stories, poems, tips, artwork, photos or videos about Greenbelters' lives during the shutdown. The collection is at [greenbeltonline.org/category/pandemic](http://greenbeltonline.org/category/pandemic).

Contestants should mail entries to [editor@greenbeltonline.org](mailto:editor@greenbeltonline.org). They can either write the stories themselves (up to 1,000

words) or an editor will write the story for the contestant's approval based on details they provide. More than one entry can be submitted per person. Two winners will be chosen: an "editor's choice" and one selected at random. The deadline for the first contest is May 7, and the second contest will have a June 1 deadline. The contest is open to all who live or work in Greenbelt.

Winners can use the \$50 credit or gift card at their choice of locally owned Greenbelt-based restaurants that are still open for pickup or delivery.

See ad below.

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rapidly react to changes in the coronavirus situation. In her budget introduction, Ard stated her desire to defer several actions to help reduce costs and preserve employees' jobs.

Allen, Ard and Moran presented council with prioritized options for their consideration.

The options below are listed in priority order along with the midpoint of the range of the estimated potential savings.

In addition, the city has reserves (the unassigned fund balance) that can be used to help cover whatever gap remains between revenues and expenditures. The current reserves in the proposed budget are roughly 16.4 percent of expenditures. Ard recommends drawing down those reserves so that at least 12 percent of the balance remains. This will leave the city with the ability to

sustain a longer shutdown or recovery period or other unexpected contingencies. While the city policy is to maintain at least 10 percent reserves, the Government Finance Officers Association now recommends 15 percent reserves and council has been meeting or exceeding that recommendation for the last few years.

Moran told council that if the fund balance gets down to 7 percent, it may be necessary to get a tax anticipation loan. He assured council that the city has done this before, and it is "not the end of the world."

Note: the budget document and the estimated impacts described here are available at [greenbeltdmd.gov/government/city-council/minutes-and-agendas](http://greenbeltdmd.gov/government/city-council/minutes-and-agendas) (see agenda packet for April 16 budget worksession).

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control the spread of illness. By February 1941 Greenbelt had reached "epidemic proportions of scarlet fever for a town its size."

About two years earlier, the city established a Department of Public Health to address not only the spread of communicable diseases, but citizens' health concerns in general. Staff at the department included a health officer authorized to "eradicate health nuisances, supervise maternal and child welfare, vaccinations, school health hazards, and quarantine."

During the rise of scarlet fever and other communicable diseases in Maryland, public health laws were in force to make certain that cases were reported. Failure to report contagious illnesses could result in a fine of up to \$100. Greenbelt also had local regulations in place. Written in conformance with Maryland state health laws, the local ordinance authorized quarantine for communicable diseases, made notification obligatory and established provisions for enforcement. For example, failure to report a contagious illness could result in a fine anywhere from \$2 up to \$50.

The Department of Public Health, Berenberg said, "has been loathe to enforce such penalties, but has striven to educate all those whose neglect has been brought to its attention." He suspected one of the reasons that people might be hesitant to report cases of contagious diseases was the embarrassment of having a quarantine sign affixed to their door. In fact, he stated that there were cases the department learned about only after the need for quarantine had passed.

Berenberg believed it was

necessary to remind citizens that there comes a time "when public safety, the good of the whole community, must be protected by penalizing those who do not live up to the responsibilities of citizenship." He emphasized that citizens had in their hands the power to arrest the spread of contagious diseases through a willingness to help.

During his tenure as director, Berenberg instructed citizens on what he referred to as common sense methods of remaining healthy during communicable disease outbreaks. "When we are tired, run-down, not eating properly, not getting enough sleep, fresh air and outdoor exercise," he said, "we are easy prey for disease germs of all kinds. It is wise to stay away from people who have colds and influenza and from crowded places". This last recommendation may be recognizable today as social distancing or physical distancing, which has created a temporary new normal in Greenbelt and other cities, rural communities and in countries around the world, as it did years ago with scarlet fever and other contagious illnesses.

There is no vaccine for scarlet fever, which is not caused by a virus but by a bacterial infection often associated with streptococcus infections or strep throat. The widespread use of antibiotics and steadily improving hygiene were likely the reasons for the decline of the disease. In March 1945, the Greenbelt Cooperator reported that scarlet fever was nearly gone and no cases were under quarantine in the town. That young girl, probably disheartened by the cancellation of her birthday celebration, was hopefully able

to celebrate the big day once the epidemic faded away.

Material for this story was drawn from Greenbelt Cooperator issues from 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941 and 1945. Greenbelt News Reviews and its Cooperator predecessor publications are searchable online at [GreenbeltNewsReview.com](http://GreenbeltNewsReview.com) (1937 through today). The Greenbelt Archive Project website ([greenbeltarchive.org](http://greenbeltarchive.org)) contains additional information.

## GCAN Earth Day

Greenbelt Climate Action Network members will be participating in three days of online Earth Day activities, from April 22 to 24.

Through "Earth Day Live" there will be 72 hours of programming, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day. These presentations will include both national live stream and local presentations, such as the Howard County Sunrise Hub (run by a 15-year-old high school sophomore).

For more information visit [facebook.com/chears.org](http://facebook.com/chears.org) and check back in during the activity period. For additional questions, contact Lore Rosenthal, [SimplicityGroupsMD@gmail.com](mailto:SimplicityGroupsMD@gmail.com), 301-345-2234.

## School Meals Pickup Now Twice a Week

Springhill Lake Elementary is the local pickup point for free breakfasts, lunches and snacks. Meal pickup will occur twice a week, on Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m..

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